Cellular Electrodynamics

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Back to the question of spatial propagation...







Figure 4.30



 $\begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 50 \\ 50 \\ 0 \\ 100 \\$

Propagated APs





Similar picture as before for propagated AP

 \rightarrow Note lag between V_m and G_m

(stems from capacitive surge)



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Myelination









Figure 5.5



Figure 5.6















→ Saltatory conduction

 $0.2 \mathrm{mm}$

Node

 $-90 \ \mu A$

■−180 µA

Figure 5.13

Saltatory Conduction



- Internodes act as insulators

- APs generated at nodes of Ranvier

- Speeds up propagation without need for larger axon diameter



\rightarrow Extracellular path between nodes is critical





→ Current through internodes is nonzero



This model isn't quite right....



Direction of propagation of action potential





 \rightarrow Internodes behave like cable model

(i.e., leaky submarine cable)

Model of myelinated nerve fiber



Internode Node of Ranvier Internode Node of Ranvier Internode



Figure 5.1

Model of myelinated nerve fiber



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